



St. John's Church
Know • Grow • Go

SPRING 2021
(April, May, June)





The purpose of St. John's Church is to bring glory to God by making disciples who:

- (1) **Know Jesus** as their personal Lord and Savior,
- (2) **Grow in Faith** to become more like Jesus, and
- (3) **Go Serve** others near and far in Jesus' name.

Current Services and Ministries

For the most up-to-date information, please visit our website at www.ilovestjohns.org and click on the events page.

Sunday:	8:30-9:30 am	Early Worship
	9:30-10:15 am	Children's Sunday School (nursery to grade 12)
	10:30-11:30 am	Morning Worship (live-streamed)
		Staffed Nursery (birth to age 3)
		Children's Church (age 4 to grade 3)
Monday:	7:00-8:00 pm	Bible Study with Pastor Jan
Wednesday:	7:00-7:30 pm	Weekly Encouragement by Phone

Monthly:	1st Saturday at 8:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast (Heisey's Diner)
	Times & Dates vary	Youth "Activity & Devotional" Events



Prayer Texts

Please call/text Pastor Jeff Berger
at 717-371-0840.

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ST. JOHN'S E.C. CHURCH

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Pastor's Day Off: Mondays



Thank you to Bob Sheetz, Georgee Miller, and everyone in the choir for a beautiful Easter Cantata on April 4! Praise God we are "Forever Free!"



God Will Do What is Right

If you're rehashing the same hurt every chance you get with anyone who will listen, I have a question: why are you doing God's work for him? "Vengeance is mine," God declared. "I will repay" (Hebrews 10:30). To assume otherwise is to assume God can't do it. When we strike back we are saying, "I know vengeance is yours, God, but I just didn't think you'd punish enough. I thought I'd better take this situation into my own hands."

May I restate the obvious? If vengeance is God's, then it is not ours. God has not asked us to settle the score or get even. Ever. Forgiveness is not saying the one who hurt you was right. Forgiveness is stating that God is fair and he will do what is right. After all, don't we have enough things to do without trying to do God's work too?

Resurrection Power

Faith is trusting what the eye cannot see! Eyes see storms; faith sees Noah's rainbow. Your eyes see your faults; your faith sees your Savior. Your eyes see your guilt; your faith sees his cleansing blood. Your eyes look in the mirror and see a sinner, a failure. But by faith you look in the mirror and see a robed prodigal bearing the ring of grace on your finger and the kiss of your Father on your face.

"God's power is very great for those who believe," Paul wrote in Ephesians 1:19-20. "That power is the same as the great strength God used to raise Christ from the dead!" So the next time you wonder if God can forgive you, read that verse again. The power that raised Christ from the grave is the power that resurrects hope in our hearts.

Through Thick and Thin!



The Sydney Swans were the joke of the Australian Rules football league. They had the worst record, the worst players, and the worst fans. Most of their home games were played in front of empty seats.

But a strange thing happened. The team got a new coach and a few new players - and they started winning. Before long, the team that had been the laughing stock of the league was a powerhouse.

And since everybody like a winning team, you can imagine what happened next. The stands began to fill. Thousands of people who had no interest in the team before began to attend games regularly. The Sydney Swans became the talk of the town. Everybody wanted to be identified with them.

Downtown Sydney was awash in the team's colors, and people could be seen wearing Swans merchandise everywhere! Soon it became almost impossible to get a ticket to a Swans game.

One Sunday afternoon, the Swans were playing a rival team in front of a capacity crowd. As the TV cameras zoomed in on the joy in the stands, one camera focused on a single man who was cheering and waving a sign that he had obviously made himself. Grinning proudly, he held up his sign for the world to see: I WAS HERE WHEN NOBODY ELSE WAS!

What an awesome picture of Jesus! When you are struggling, when all of the odds are stacked against you, when you are the laughing stock of your school or workplace, when you feel like the biggest loser of all time, Jesus is cheering you on! Here is there when nobody else is. He is faithful through thick and thin!

Love in Christ, Pastor Jeff

When You're Ready, We're Here!

The past year or so have certainly been an unusual and challenging time for our church family! Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and grace and we continue to do our best to balance safety and ministry. I know that our families have different comfort levels when it comes to resuming participation in in-person ministry.

When you're ready, we're here! We continue to take additional steps to help ensure a safe environment, including the following:

- ◆ **Extra cleaning and sanitizing during the week**
- ◆ **Sanitizing common touch points between 8:30 am and 10:30 am worship**
- ◆ **Increasing the flow of fresh air when possible**
- ◆ **Reducing the number of common touch points**
- ◆ **Encouraging facial coverings to be worn at all times while in the building**
- ◆ **Requiring physical distancing between families of different households**
- ◆ **Installing touchless hand sanitizer dispensers throughout the building**
- ◆ **Installing touchless liquid soap dispensers in the restrooms**
- ◆ **Modifying children's church procedures**
- ◆ **Modifying communion procedures**

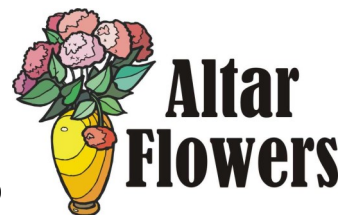
I love you, I'm praying for you, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely in Christ,

Pastor Jeff

DID YOU KNOW...

If you, your family, or your class/group wish to sponsor **ALTAR FLOWERS** (2 bouquets in the sanctuary), the cost to the church is \$48 per Sunday (your suggested donation). Please sign-up to sponsor flowers on the **FLOWER CALENDAR** on the coatroom bulletin board. Please mark your name as the sponsor and indicate for whom you are sponsoring and the purpose, i.e. in memory of, in honor of, birthday, anniversary, etc. Flowers may be taken home after morning worship. Flowers not sponsored or not desired by the sponsor are distributed by our Visitation Team to shut-ins, the sick, and the hospitalized.



Sunday, May 9
8:30 am & 10:30 am

Speaker: Claudette Garber

Claudette Garber is a wife, mother, and cancer survivor. She is retired from Cedar Crest Middle

School, where she was a library assistant for 14 years. She and her husband, Bob, are serving with HVMI as BASIS support group leaders for parents that have lost a child. They lost their daughter, Christine, 29 years ago. Claudette also has another daughter, Stacy, and is enjoying being a grandmother to her two-year-old granddaughter, Hannah Christine Bausch. Claudette's desire is to help parents that have lost children through the grieving process and find a new normal in their lives.

Special Music: Missi Kline

Missi Kline was born and raised in Lancaster County, PA. Born the youngest of seven children, she was raised in a Christian home where she sang almost as soon as she could talk. At the tender age of five, she started singing solos in her home church and has never stopped. She enjoys singing a variety of styles from Southern Gospel to Contemporary Christian music. With a wide vocal range, she is able to sing many songs that others cannot. Missi is still residing in the Southern Lancaster County area with her 95-year-old father and her cat, Zuzu.

APRIL MILESTONES

April Birthdays

6	Darin Unger Lyla Custer
9	Isaac Custer
11	Ben Tshudy
15	Melodye Hostetter Judy Stitt
18	Dale Hostetter
19	Jackson Custer
23	Georgia Bomgardner
24	Crystal Turner
25	Jacob Gingrich Brad Bordner
28	Luke Custer
30	Teresa Blauch Loretta Herr

April 10:30 am Greeters

4	JT & Judy Markley
11	Dave & Donna Bingaman
18	Brenda Custer
25	Frank & Pat Custer

April Wedding Anniversaries

12	Alan & Robin Hostetter
19	Matthew & Heidi Crisp



APRIL SCHEDULE

	4	11	18	25
Sunday School Nursery Attendants	Eileen Yorty & Brenda Custer	Eileen Yorty & Brenda Custer	Eileen Yorty & Donna Bingaman	Eileen Yorty & Barb Hostetter
Worship Nursery Attendants	Ralph & Rachel Blanch	Marlys M & Katie G	Eileen & John Yorty	Kim Wolfe & Brenda Jefferies
Children's Church	No CC - Easter Cantata	MMK - MMT	Faith S & Donna B	Marlys M & Paula T
A/V Technicians	Jim Jefferies	Ted McCann	Jim Jefferies	Ted McCann
Video Tech	Kory Blanch	Melanie Hutson	Justin Hirons	Jacob Gingrich
Stewardship Team	Sam & Romaine Blanch	Jim & Brenda Jefferies	Earl & Barb Blanch	Joel & Kim Wolfe
April Trustee: Dale Custer				



MAY MILESTONES

May Birthdays

3	Susan Kleinfelter
4	Marlys McCann
8	Matt Stover
9	Beverly Boltz Rev. Jan Fryer
11	Frank Custer
13	Melayna Turner
16	Bill Waltz
18	Ron Wolfe
19	Faith Swineford
21	Basil Patteson
23	Phil Yordy
25	Becky O'Neal
29	Korin Gingrich

May Wedding Anniversaries

4	Adam & Jennifer Wolfe
5	Jan & Kathy Fryer
8	Ron & Brenda Wolfe
24	Jake & Laura Solt
26	Phil & Diane Yordy



May 10:30 am Greeters

2	Kathy Heckman
9	Connie Mickey
16	Joel & Kim Wolfe
23	Jan & Kathy Fryer
30	Loretta Herr

MAY SCHEDULE

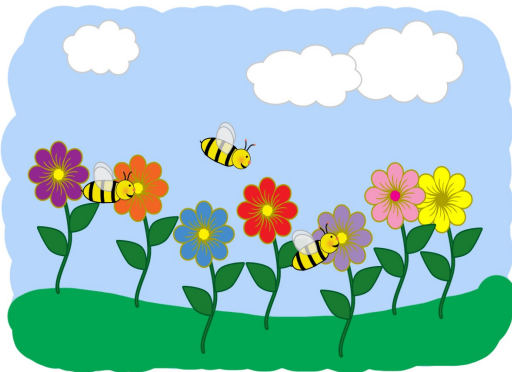
	2	9	16	23	30
Sunday School Nursery Attendants	Eileen Yorty & Brenda Custer	Eileen Yorty & Barb Hostetter	Eileen Yorty & Donna Bingaman	Eileen Yorty & Barb Hostetter	Eileen Yorty & Kathy Fryer
Worship Nursery Attendants	Joel & Greta Bomgardner	Barb Blauch & Erica Custer	Barb Hostetter & Sue Kleinfelter	Judy Markley & Vikki DeLong	Barb Blauch & Donna Bingaman
Children's Church	Brenda Custer & Kathy Heckman	MMK & MMT	Korin & Katie Gingrich	Children's Day	Marlys McCann & Paula Turner
A/V Technicians	Jim Jefferies	Ted McCann	Jim Jefferies	Ted McCann	Ted McCann
Video Tech	Kory Blauch	Melanie Hutson	Justin Hirons	Jacob Gingrich	Jacob Gingrich
Stewardship Team	Sam & Romaine Blauch	Jim & Brenda Jefferies	Earl & Barb Blauch	Joel & Kim Wolfe	Joel & Kim Wolfe
May Trustee: Dave Bingaman					



JUNE MILESTONES

June Birthdays

1	Ron Pfister
3	Mark Fryer
	Barb Blauch
4	Mason Blauch
6	Shiloh Kleinfelter
8	Alayna Zimmerman
	Jim Jefferies, Jr
10	Doris Sheetz
11	Gail Hostetter
12	Brenda Jefferies
13	Erin Custer
14	Alan Hostetter
17	Laura Solt
19	Sam Blauch
	Tim Blauch
20	Adam Wolfe
24	Easton Crisp
27	Christian Gingrich



June Anniversaries

	Sam & Romaine Blauch
1	Scott & Georgee Miller Scott & Kristin McCann
10	Barry & Barbara Ann Hostetter
	Tim & Caitlin Steel
11	Dave & Bev Rhoads
26	Wayne & Sue Schmoyer



June 10:30 Greeters

6	Wayne & Sue Schmoyer
13	Jim & Brenda Jefferies
20	Dale & Brenda Custer
27	Dave & Vikki DeLong

JUNE SCHEDULE

	6	13	20	27
Sunday School Nursery Attendants	Brenda Custer & Eileen Yorty	Brenda Custer & Eileen Yorty	Donna Bingaman Eileen Yorty	Barb Hostetter & Eileen Yorty
Worship Nursery Attendants	Heather & Marlys McCann	Ralph & Rachel Blauch	Eileen & John Yorty	Kim Wolfe & Eileen Yorty
Children's Church	Faith S & Donna B	MMK & MMT	Brenda Custer	Brenda C & Kathy H
A/V Technicians	Jim Jefferies	Ted McCann	Jim Jefferies	Ted McCann
Video Tech	Kory Blauch	Melanie Hutson	Justin Hirons	Jacob Gingrich
Stewardship Team	Sam & Romaine Blauch	Jim & Brenda Jefferies	Earl & Barb Blauch	Joel & Kim Wolfe
June Trustee: Dale Custer				





Sunday, May 23
8:30 am & 10:30 am

“This Way Up” is back!

Imagine a bizarre traffic accident involving a plumber's repair truck and a marching band equipment van. If you saw a group of teenagers picking through the aftermath of that kind of crash strewn all over the highway, that's pretty much what This Way Up looks like on stage. This Way Up is the Crull family: Eric and Danielle, Jax, Max and Carson, who play a type of music called "Unconventional Percussion." Their "instruments" are colorful lengths of plastic tubes called Boomwhackers and corrugated drainage pipe. Everything is tuned up to specific notes and played like a gigantic demented whacked out pipe organ!



Sunday, June 20
8:30 am & 10:30 am

With Scott Brady

Scott grew up in Upper Darby, just outside of Philly, and was blessed to grow up in a family and church that was committed to Christ and the Word of God.

After graduating from Philadelphia College of Bible (now Cairn University), Scott attended Grace Theological Seminary and graduated with a ThM in New Testament. He served as a Pastor in two churches over the following 30 years and now serves with TEAM (The Evangelical Alliance Mission), helping churches send workers all over the world.



Scott and his wife Lisa have enjoyed 38 years of marriage and God has blessed them with 3 children and 6 grandchildren.



The purpose of New Hope Christian Counseling is to provide free Christ-centered, Biblically based emotional, relational, and spiritual guidance to children, teens, and adults experiencing challenging life-issues.

Our counselors have experience working with people facing many issues including, but not limited to, the following:

Anger Management
Grief
Depression
Sexual Assault
Family Dynamics

First Responders
Conflict Resolution
Parenting
Marriage Counseling
Stress Management

Anxiety
Faith
Divorce
Trauma
Premarital Counseling



Dave Berger
Director, Counselor



Jan Fryer
Counselor



Jennifer Wolfe
Art Therapist

***To schedule a FREE appointment, please call 717-685-5157.
More info at www.ihavenewhope.org***



With new items added each week, The Pantry is a free resource to bless you, your family, and others!

GROCERIES: canned goods, pasta, potatoes, baking supplies, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, snacks, candy, condiments, coffee, tea, and more!

FROZEN ITEMS: chicken tenders, sausage, bacon, chicken thighs, breakfast sausage, ham, hot dogs, lunch meat, cheese, and more!

DRINKS: bottled water, flavored water, iced tea, lemonade, sport drinks, protein drinks, juice, and more!

PERSONAL ITEMS: soap, body wash, shampoo, razors, toothpaste, mouthwash, floss, deodorant, hand sanitizer, cold medicine, and more!

CLEANING SUPPLIES: glass cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, bleach, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, dish liquid, air freshener, and more!

The Pantry is normally open when the church building is open.

To schedule a custom date and time:

simply email Rachel Blauch at rachel_blauch@yahoo.com.

The Youth Ministry is Back!

For the rest of this school year, in place of our previous youth ministry programs, we will have an “Activity & Devotional Event” each month. These events are designed to help youth connect more with each other (through the activity time) and to connect more with God (through the devotional time).



Mini Golf!

Saturday, April 24

Grades 5-12

To learn more and to register, visit the Youth Ministry page at www.ilovestjohns.org.



As of now, we are planning on having 7:00 pm outdoor worship in the Grove this summer starting on Sunday, June 27.

More details to come!



God Has Not Left You Adrift

“Spiritual life comes from the Spirit” (John 3:6). Your parents may have given you genes, but God gives you grace. Your parents may be responsible for your body, but God has taken charge of your soul. You may get your looks from your mother, but you get your eternal life from your Father, your heavenly Father.

God is willing to give you what your family didn't. Didn't have a good dad? God will be your Father. The Scripture says, “Through God you are a son; and, if you are a son, then you are certainly an heir” (Galatians 4:7). Didn't have a good role model? Try God. God has not left you adrift on a sea of heredity. The past does not have to be your prison. You have a say in your life. You have a choice in the path you take. Choose well... choose God.

Let Christ Be Kind to You

There is a correlation between the way you feel about yourself and the way you feel about others. If you are at peace with yourself you will get along with others. The converse is also true. If you don't like yourself, if you're ashamed, embarrassed, or angry, other people are going to know it. Unless the cycle is interrupted.

Which takes us to one of the kindest verses in the Bible. Jesus said, “Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Accept my teachings and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit, and you will find rest for your lives” (Matthew 11:28). “Come to me,” the verse reads. Let Christ be kind to you. And as you do, you'll find it easier to be kind to others.



Mother's Day

Second Sunday of May



APPRECIATION
BEAUTIFUL
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